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23 October 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Background for Rather Interview: James Earl Ray

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Following Dr. King's death, CIA passed information provided by the FBI to a number of Stations abroad to alert them that James Earl Ray had been identified positively as the assassin. Included were James Earl Ray's fingerprint formula, identikit composite and description. Ray, according to overt press accounts available in our files, was apparently identified and arrested at the London airport by an alert security guard who noted that he carried two passports. There is no indication that his apprehension was related to our input, but the identity data forwarded to London for passage to Liaison may have helped confirm his identity to London authorities. (There is no firm indication of this in our files.) A check of our files at the time of this inquiry revealed that we had no record of Ray prior to the killing of Dr. King.

David H. Blee
for William E. Nelson
Deputy Director for Operations

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